



SYSTEMIC RISKS, FINANCIAL CRISES *and* CREDIT

## **PRE-CONFERENCE PHD WORKSHOP Amsterdam, Netherlands • 24 June 2013**

Co-sponsored by the CES research network *European integration and the global political economy* and the COST action *Systemic risks, financial crises and credit*

### ***POLITICAL ECONOMY RESEARCH IN TIMES OF CRISIS: METHODOLOGICAL APPROACHES AND CHALLENGES***

The ongoing crisis has not just shaken up political economies across the globe; it also poses significant challenges to political economy research. Public bank bailouts and partial nationalizations further blur the divide between states and markets. Institutional transformations in response to the crisis, such as the creation of the European Financial Stability Facility, test our understanding of European integration and common market-making. At the same time, many observers diagnose a continuation of neoliberal economic policy, arguing that while the crisis may change the tools of policymaking, its underlying paradigm remains intact.

In the face of financial crisis, scholars of European integration and economic coordination in the global political economy are left with conceptual and methodological challenges. New substantive questions and research foci call for reflection on own research practice:

- How well are existing conceptualizations of states, markets, and state-market interaction suited to times of 'crisis'?
- Which conceptual and methodological approaches seem most useful to study continuities and transformations in European capitalism and policy-making?
- What specific pitfalls emerge for data collection, access to the field or comparative research designs under the conditions of 'crisis', and how can we best address them?

This CES PhD pre-conference workshop seeks to address these questions. It is jointly sponsored by the research network 'European integration and the global political economy' and the COST action 'Systemic Risks, Financial Crisis and Debt' and is hosted by the Political Economy and Transnational Governance research group at the Political Science Department of the University of Amsterdam.

The one-day workshop offers a space for doctoral researchers to:

- 1) reflect on the questions above in close intellectual exchange with others,
- 2) receive individual feedback and advice from senior scholars on their research design, and
- 3) obtain an overview of how established political economists from different research traditions address the methodological challenges emerging from 'crisis'.

The workshop will feature intense student workshop sessions in which participants will receive individual feedback on their own methodological strategies. They will be combined with an introductory lecture in the morning and a roundtable of senior scholars to round off the day.

• **Confirmed speakers and facilitators** •

**Workshops: Claes Belfrage, Bob Jessop, Daniel Mügge and Henk Overbeek**

**Roundtable: Vivien Schmidt, Cornelia Woll, Brian Burgoon and Bob Jessop**

• **How to apply** •

We invite **application letters of no more than 500 words to be sent by 16 December 2012**. These should include information on your affiliation and degree programme, your specific area of research, main research question, key concepts used, methodological approach and data (to be) used. You should also specify key queries, puzzles and challenges you face in relation to 'crisis' within the PhD research, especially those you would like to receive feedback on from more senior scholars of political economy.

Abstracts should be sent to Regine Paul ([rpaul@bigsss-bremen.de](mailto:rpaul@bigsss-bremen.de)).

We will select 20 suitable participants and inform applicants before the end of this year.

• **Funding** •

The workshop is kindly co-sponsored by the CES and the COST action so that no extra registration fee will be incurred. Workshop participants can apply to the COST network for a reimbursement of up to €130 in travel expenses (excluding accommodation) for attending the workshop.

The CES further provides two EU Integration travel grants to workshop participants who come from a continent outside Europe and who have been accepted to present a paper in the main conference. The grant includes a conference registration fee waiver for the CES conference (worth \$ 200) and a \$ 500 travel grant. If more than two participants fulfil these criteria, the grants will be awarded by lottery.

**We look forward to receiving your applications.**

- Regine Paul and Daniel Mügge (organising team) -